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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

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 the claims:

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 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet _____5. This opinion has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).^{**}

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed," and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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v. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-9	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-9	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-9	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention defined by the claims is a process for preparing a chiral ester(100) by reacting the following materials:

1. a racemic alcohol(4)
2. a ruthenium complex(1,2,3) to activate racemization of said racemic alcohol(4)
3. a lipase to acylate one enantiomer selectively from said racemic alcohol(4)
4. an acyl donor compound to supply acyl group to said lipase

No individual citation or obvious combination of citations discloses this process for preparing a chiral ester(100).

The closest art is EP-A2-375417. Although this is directed to a process for preparing a chiral ester, the method employed is different to the present invention.

Therefore the subject matter of claims 1-9 meets the requirements of Article 33(2)-(4).